MoU with Republic of Korea

1692. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra is seeking approval for the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Government of Maharashtra and Gyeonnggi Provincial Government, Republic of Korea for mutual cooperation in Industrial and Cultural sectors;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;

(c) whether there is any problem for approving the proposed MoU between Republic of Korea and Government of Maharashtra; and

(d) if so, details thereof and by when it would be permitted for the MoU?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The proposal is being examined in consultation with the Government of Maharashtra, within the framework of the policy guidelines on this subject.

Urban Poverty Alleviation Schemes in Rajasthan

1693. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URABN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any employment oriented urban poverty alleviation schemes under the Swarna Jayanti Shahri Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY) have been implement by his Ministry in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) wether any house to house BPL survey, on the basis of the revised/updated/updated State specific poverty lines, as provided by the planning Commission has been carried out by the State Government of Rajasthan, for the identification of genuine beneficiaries of this scheme from amongst the urban BPL population;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof, and total number of Urban BPL population, updated in Rajasthan; and

(e) the overall impact of SJSRY in Rajasthan, in creating employment potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. With a view to ameliorate the living conditions of the urban poor, and to reduce the urban poverty in the country, Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation is implementing and employment oriented Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme namely Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozga; Yojana (SJSRY), on all India basis including the State of Rajasthan *w.e.f.* 1.12.1997. This programme seeks to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed to underemployed poor through setting up of micro enterprises and also through provision of wage employment by utilizing their labour for construction of useful public assets. The scheme is funded in the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and State Governments.

(c) and (d) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, the economic criteria of Rs. 465.92 per capita per month was kept as poverty line for BPL census 2003 in urban areas of Rajasthan State. Other non-economic parameters as decided by the State Government were also applied. After carrying out door to door survey for the identification of BPL population the final list has been prepared. As per this, there are 4.87 lakhs BPL families in 183 towns in Rajasthan and the percentage of BPL population in urban areas is 19.17%.

(e) As reported by the State Government of Rajasthan, since inception of Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana (SJSRY), cumulatively, 47, 014 urban poor have been benefited by providing loan and subsidy under Urban Self Employment Programme (USEP) component of SJSRY and 23.15 lakhs of mandays of work has been generated under the Urban Wage Employment Programme (UWEP) component.

Legistation on Street Vendors

1694. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to enact a legislation on street vendors; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?